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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6694

BILL NUMBER: SB 355

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 6, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Legislative Business Per Diems.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Delph

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides a greater legislative business per diem amount for legislators who reside more than 50 miles from the state capitol building.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary* - This bill could increase expenditures by the House and Senate by a combined total of about \$190,000 to \$195,000 for a long session and about \$110,000 to \$115,000 for a short session. The bill could also increase expenditures during interims by about \$8,000 to \$11,000. The House, Senate and Legislative Services Agency are funded by appropriations from the state General Fund.

Background Information - This bill provides that legislators residing more than 50 miles from the state capitol building receive per diem equal to 110% of the maximum portion of per diem allowed for lodging in Indianapolis from the federal FY 2013 per diem rates for Indiana. Currently, this amount is \$152. The estimates assume 116 per diem days for a long session and 70 per diem days for a short session. The interim estimate is based upon the per diem amounts paid to legislators residing more than 50 miles from the state capitol building during the 2011 and 2012 interims.

During 2011 and 2012, there were 105 legislators residing more than 50 miles from the state capitol building.

Explanation of State Revenues: Since per diem payments are taxable income, there could be a minimal increase in state and local income tax revenues as a result of increasing the amount of per diem payments to

certain legislators.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: See *Explanation of State Revenues*.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: U.S. General Services Administration, FY 2013 Per Diem Rates for Indiana.

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